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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – APRIL 10, 2012

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**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened for a Workshop on the Current and Future Impact of the Criminal Justice Realignment Plan on Torrance at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 in the City Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Numark, Rhilinger, Sutherland, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Herbers, City Attorney Fellows, City Manager Jackson, Police Chief Neu, and other staff representatives.

**B. REVIEW OF CURRENT AND FUTURE IMPACT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
REALIGNMENT PLAN ON TORRANCE**

A PowerPoint presentation on the current and future impact of the AB109 Criminal Justice Realignment Plan was made by Torrance Police Chief John Neu, Los Angeles County Assistant Sheriff Cecil Rambo, and Torrance Police Lieutenant Martin Vukotic per written material of record. Deputy Director Reaver Bingham, Los Angeles County Probation Department, discussed the impact of AB109 on his agency.

C. PUBLIC INPUT

No one from the public came forward to speak.

D. RECESS

The City Council recessed at 6:49 p.m.

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The City Council reconvened for regular business at 7:06 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

1. RECONVENE / ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Numark, Rhilinger, Sutherland, and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

2. FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION

The flag salute was led by Youth Council member Joo Hee Pak.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Rhilinger.

3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA / MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING

City Clerk Herbers reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, April 5, 2012.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous vote.

4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the City Council Transportation Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 17, at 4:30 p.m. in the West Annex Commission room to discuss the Torrance Transit Park and Ride Regional Terminal project.

Councilmember Numark announced that the City Council Strategic Plan Committee will meet on Thursday, May 3, at 3:00 p.m. in the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library meeting room.

Councilmember Brewer announced that City Council budget workshops/hearings will be held on Tuesday, May 8, and Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

City Treasurer Cortez announced that the Torrance Rose Float Association "Keep the Dream Afloat" Dinner Gala and Fundraiser will be held on Friday, April 27, at 6:00 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel with tickets available for \$75 at www.torrancerosefloatassociation.com or by calling 310.618.2930.

City Clerk Herbers announced that the reservation link for the Commissioner Certification Training class scheduled for Wednesday, May 9, is now active and will remain until midnight May 2. She noted that there is an additional vacancy on the Commission on Aging and appointments to fill all vacancies will be made at the May 22 City Council meeting.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. PROCLAMATION RE “NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK”

Mayor Scotto presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 8 through April 14 as **National Library Week** and Tuesday, April 10 as **National Library Workers’ Day** in the City of Torrance to Flo Stapleton, Library Commission Chairperson.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

7A. Bob DeLorenzo, Torrance High teacher, reported on the new non-profit organization “RISE” designed to encourage students to study science, technology, engineering and math. He requested the community’s support in bringing a Challenger Learning Center to the South Bay.

7B. Sean Scully, chair of California Wireless Association, announced that the second week of April has been designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and recognized City of Torrance dispatchers for the vital service they provide.

7C. Marco Sandoval invited the public to attend the City of Lawndale Pirate Days Youth Parade on Saturday, April 28, at 10:00 a.m., with additional information available at www.lawndalecity.org.

7D. Debbie Hays, Centennial Committee, announced that as part of the citywide clean-up/beautification program, the South Bay Junior Women’s Club will be cleaning up the West High campus on April 14 and April 19 and the Kiwanas will be cleaning up Charles Wilson Park on April 14. She encouraged the public to participate, with additional information available on the City’s Centennial website.

7E. Janet Payne, Torrance Public Library Foundation, invited the public to attend a bus tour on Sunday, April 15, at 2:00 p.m. sponsored in conjunction with the Torrance Public Library, which will highlight locations in Torrance associated with Louis Zamperini.

7F. Gavin Wasserman, West Torrance Homeowners Association, reported that the HOA had a successful clean-up day at La Romeria Park last weekend and thanked City staff who assisted. He announced that there will be a clean-up day on Saturday, April 21, at Entradero Park and invited the public to participate.

7G. Tiffany Tran and Frank Masi, Torrance Youth Council, thanked the City Council and the community for supporting the 13th annual Torrance Youth Council/Attic Advisory Committee pancake breakfast held the previous weekend.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8A. AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a first amendment to fee agreement with McGuinness & Associates (C2011-197) to provide legal services, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$16,500.

8B. AGREEMENT RE LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve a first amendment to fee agreement with McGuinness & Associates (C2011-174) to provide legal services, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$24,500.

8C. ASSIGNMENT/ASSUMPTION OF GROUND LEASE RE 2700 SKYPARK DR.

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve an Assignment and Assumption of Ground Lease by and between 6th St. Governor, LLC, a California limited liability company ("Assignor") and LDC Skypark, LLC, a California corporation ("Assignee") for property located at 2700 Skypark Drive operating as a Lowe's Home Improvement Center (C2004-155).

8D. APPROPRIATION/ALLOCATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS TO MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS ACCOUNT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council appropriate and allocate \$32,044.18 of asset forfeiture funds to replenish the Miscellaneous Projects account (FEAP #383).

8E. APPROPRIATION/ALLOCATION OF ASSET FORFEITURE FUNDS TO POLICE VEHICLE TRAINING ACCOUNT

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council appropriate and allocate \$25,000 of asset forfeiture funds to replenish the Police Vehicle Training account (FEAP #490).

8F. 2012 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council approve the 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application.

MOTION: Councilmember Furey moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Items 8A through 8F. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Numark and passed by unanimous vote.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. AGREEMENTS RE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND RECYCLED WATER RETROFIT PROJECTS

Recommendation

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the Western Avenue and Rolling Hills Road Water Main Replacement Project, CIP No. I-107 and Recycled Water Retrofits for Anza Avenue Medians and Parks Project, CIP No. I-78 (B2012-01);
- 2) Award a public works agreement to the lowest bidder Steven Doreck Equipment Rentals, Inc., in the amount of \$1,623,764.10;
- 3) Authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$81,188.21;
- 4) Award a contract services agreement for construction inspection to KOA Corporation-CBM Consulting, in the amount of \$102,400;
- 5) Award a contract services agreement for geotechnical services to Geo-Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$36,472; and
- 6) Appropriate an additional \$98,910.92, which includes \$50,000 for project management, to CIP No. I-107 from the Water Enterprise Fund balance.

Engineering Manager Dettle provided an overview of the Western Avenue and Rolling Hills Road Water Main Replacement Project and the Recycled Water Retrofits for Anza Avenue medians and Seaside Heroes, La Paloma, Victor and Paradise Parks.

MOTION: Councilmember Barnett moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rhilinger and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

17A. Councilmember Sutherland announced that the Torrance Civic Chorale will be presenting "Thanks for the Memories" featuring choral songs from 1912 to 2012 on Saturday, April 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Armstrong Theatre.

17B. Councilmember Barnett invited the public to attend the L.A. Galaxy's City of Torrance night on Sunday, August 26, at 8:00 p.m. at the Home Depot Center, noting that tickets can be purchased online at www.lagalaxy.com/Torrance. He noted that a portion of the proceeds will benefit the new Centennial Plaza.

17C. Councilmember Brewer announced that the City of Torrance Performing Arts Consortium will be presenting "A Celebration of 100 years of the Arts in the City of Torrance" on Sunday, April 29, at 3:30 p.m. in the Torino Plaza, with additional information available at 310.742.3238.

17D. Councilmember Furey thanked Jeff Phillips, the Facilities Director at North High for coordinating the North Torrance Homeowners Association cleanup of the campus last weekend.

17E. Councilmember Furey announced that Mayor Scotto will be delivering the State of the City address at a luncheon at the Torrance Marriott on Thursday, May 24, with additional information available by calling the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at 310.543.3113.

17F. Councilmember Numark announced that there will be a blood drive at Torrance High School on Wednesday, April 25, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

17G. Councilmember Rhilinger announced that the Torrance Public Library Foundation in conjunction with the Torrance Public Library will be sponsoring “One Book One City Centennial Celebration,” which will include various events during the month of April focused on the life and achievements of Louis Zamperini. She noted that there will be a presentation and discussion of Laura Hillenbrand’s book *Unbroken* on Saturday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. at the Western Museum of Flight and there will be an opportunity to meet Mr. Zamperini at a reception at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum on Saturday, April 28, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. She noted that reservations are required, with additional information available by contacting the foundation at 310.651.5230 or TPLF2012@gmail.com.

17H. Mayor Scotto congratulated the Torrance Youth Council on their successful pancake breakfast last Saturday.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

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Attest:

/s/ Frank Scotto

Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on May 8, 2012